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THE DEMOCRATIC FIGHT.

The story goes that when the Vermont democrats invited George M. Stearns of Massachusetts to come up and address them, the sage of Chicopee replied that if they would come down to his back yard he would be pleased to address them. If Mr. Stearns had been in Montpelier Thursday he would have seen a raging sea of democrats, all professing harmony yet swearing vengeance under their breaths. There was but one issue before the convention and that was Mr. Atkins. "I'm all right," he said the night before the fray, and he was all right as far as his victory was concerned. He had the delegates and he knew it. No shoutings or scorings that came from the antis scared him. He knew his men and predicted 100 majority before the fight began. Col. Smalley is the most astute politician of the Vermont democracy, and he won the day for his friend.

The opposition had most of the enthusiasm, a resolution condemning fraud in the last convention, which the chairman very effectually suppressed, and half a dozen brilliant speakers. But Mr. Atkins had the delegates.

It was a dearly-bought victory. The soreness still remains and nothing but Mr. Atkins' retirement from the chairmanship will ever heal it. And the CALEDONIAN predicts this will soon happen. At the close of the convention the antis asked Col. Smalley, in consideration of these facts, and for harmony of the party in the future, to do his best to induce Atkins to retire. The Colonel said he had no power to make any pledges that would bind, but he had no doubt that this consideration would be appreciated, and he thought Mr. Atkins would, and ought to, retire, and he would urge it upon him.

A CURIOUS CAMPAIGN.

The present gubernatorial campaign in this state is, so far, a very curious affair, and it grows more and more likely that the convention in June may upset a good many calculations that have been put together within the past two months. While the Fuller boom is still being worked, the process is a very quiet one—at least no such thing as enthusiasm in that direction is found in this section of the state. The friends of Mr. Fletcher are not as high-spirited as they were, realizing, no doubt, that he has come into the field handicapped by certain conditions which, laugh at them as some of his supporters may, cannot be lightly set aside. Amid the Fuller and Fletcher talk may be heard an occasional word for Spear, which, by the way, is open to the suspicion of having been uttered on the any-thing-to-beat-the-other-fellow basis. Nobody seems to have loomed up yet distinctively as "the people's candidate," but it will not be strange if he shows up in the near distance. The head of the democratic state ticket promises to draw well, and if the republican party in Vermont is to keep up its reputation for majorities, a "people's candidate" must be found.

A queer campaign thus far, the like of which is seldom seen in this state.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Among the names already mentioned for lieutenant-governor on the republican state ticket, we note with pleasure that of Hon. Elihu B. Taft of Burlington. Mr. Taft is eminently qualified for this position, and he has many friends throughout the state who believe he is just the man for it. A lawyer by profession, his legal training will be valuable in performing the duties of a presiding officer. He possesses a culture acquired by extensive travels in this country and the principal foreign countries. He has been a member of the senate and is thoroughly conversant with the rules and methods that govern that body. Mr. Taft's services to the party have not been unrecognized and he is now president of the republican club of the Queen City. Above all he has no ambitions for the governorship and does not propose to use this place, which his friends wish to place him in, as a stepping-stone for higher honors. For these and other reasons which might be stated we want to see Hon. E. B. Taft of Burlington nominated for the second place on the state ticket.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Idaho republicans want Blaine and free silver. This is a curious combination that the Idaho republicans are not likely to get.

Says the Brattleboro Phoenix: "The two or three Brattleboro antis who returned this morning are trying to explain that it was a 'drawn game' and no test vote was taken, but Windham county members from the rural districts say 'we were licked and that's all there is to it.'"

The St. Albans Messenger discovers that the leading candidates of the Vermont democracy this year are "deservedly popular," and that the other nominees are gentlemen of "character and ability." As to the leaders, the Messenger is not wrong. As none of the democratic candidates stand a ghost of a chance of election, however, our contemporary's very friendly comment will simply smooth the path to defeat.

ALMY MUST HANG.

Almy's counsel has failed in the attempt to get a new trial, and the murderer of Christie Warden has been sentenced to be hanged in May, 1893. He has confessed that he and Abbott, the outlaw whose crimes merited life imprisonment, are one and the same. There was little reason to believe that a new trial would be granted; very little interest was manifested at the hearing, and now that the matter is finally settled by the courts the murderer should drop out of public notice, and the horrible crime for which the penalty was imposed be forgotten, as far as it can be.

The sincere sympathy of the newspaper fraternity will be tendered to Editor Atkins of the Montpelier Argus, by reason of the death of his wife. Coming as this sad event did, with such suddenness and under such peculiar circumstances, the loss is the more overwhelming. At times like this all difference of opinion is banished and there remains only the sense of great loss and that sympathetic fellow-feeling that makes the whole world kin.

RECORD OF THE WEEK.

Thursday.

A passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road wrecked near Medill, Mo.; the accident was caused by the washing away of a bridge by high water; the train plunged into the flood, engineer and fireman and five passengers being killed outright and over a score of passengers badly hurt.—A large number of republican state conventions held East, West and South, most of which declare for Harrison.—A father and son perish by the capsizing of their boat, off Rockland, Me.—A Philadelphia census taker arrested for making false returns of industries.—The western country flooded by heavy rains, and business seriously interfered with.

Friday.

Harvard college has received \$32,000 from the sale of real estate under the will of Edwin Conant of Worcester.—An immense slaughter house in New York city burned at a loss of \$500,000.—An English dressmaker outraged and thrown from a railway car.—Burglars enter a Catholic bishop's house at Hartford, Conn., to get \$40,000 worth of silver ware, and are pursued and one of them caught by the priest.—Washington, D. C., visited by a severe storm which ruined several houses.—The Methodist General conference now in session at Omaha, Neb.

Saturday.

An unconfirmed rumor that the Chinese now in the United States will return home and a general policy of retaliation be adopted by China.—Five towns in Illinois practically under water; great damage to crops and railway communication by the floods.—Collapse of a rubber factory at Manchester, England, and many operatives hurt by being buried in the ruins.—A waterspout strikes San Angelo, Texas, and does much damage.

Sunday.

The Philadelphia and Reading freight station at Philadelphia burned at a loss of \$80,000.—Extensive devastation by a rise of the waters of the St. Joseph, Maumee and St. Mary's rivers; 500 farms on the lowlands submerged.—A fierce fire at Fairville, N. B., burns out the main portion of the town and renders 100 families homeless.

Monday.

Some crank attempted to burn the state house at Boston, but it was saved by the timely discovery of the fire.—Five men killed in a German colliery by the breaking of the elevator chain.—Two ladies of Salt Lake City robbed of \$6000 worth of diamonds by three masked men who entered their room just after their return from a ball.—Six young students narrowly escape drowning on Long Island Sound.—Snow in Wyoming renders roads impassable and the food supply is running short in some places.—A Brooklyn man kills his wife in a quarrel and then throws himself in front of a moving train.—Forest fires raging at Winsted, Conn., and many acres of valuable timber land burned over.—The Mississippi river rising rapidly, and many thousand acres of land submerged.—Death of the 12th victim of the Central theatre fire in Philadelphia.

Tuesday.

Brutal attack upon Jews in Poland.—A Mountain Home (Ark.) woman goes raving crazy by reason of the death of two of her children, who were killed by a bear while she looked helplessly on.—Twenty horses burned to death in a New York livery stable fire.—Fifteen buildings damaged by fire at Portsmouth, N. H.—A terrible explosion occurred in the coal mines at Roslyn, Wash., in which 42 miners were killed.

Wednesday.

A terrific tornado near Colliersville, Tenn., does a great amount of damage, and a cloudburst and flood in Ohio result in the destruction of much property and the loss of two lives.—The Methodist general conference protests against Sunday openings of the World's fair.—Great Britain has accepted the invitation of the United States to a bi-metallic conference.—Democratic state convention at Concord, N. H., and delegates favorable to Cleveland.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Atkins Men Won, but the Antis are Still Kicking.—Detailed Report of the Fray.

All roads led to Montpelier Wednesday, and every democrat that could leave home was at the Pavilion Wednesday night. The battle began as soon as the delegates had reached Montpelier, and long after midnight the corridors were crowded with men engaged in exciting debates.

AN ANTI MEETING.

Two hundred delegates, which it afterwards turned out was about the entire strength of that faction, held a rousing meeting in Village hall Wednesday night. J. H. Holton of Burlington presided, and said that the growth of democracy in Massachusetts, Iowa and elsewhere showed that the policy pursued in Vermont was suicidal to the best interests of the party. "If the policy of repression which has been pursued for the last 16 years by the state committee doesn't kill the party in Vermont in the near future, we will thank God and not Hiram Atkins."

A. P. Childs of Bennington, who wasn't a delegate, but was just as hard a worker, opened up his batteries on Mr. Atkins, declaring that he run the party by running democrats into Central Vermont station houses, and by choking any attempt to protest against his peculiar strategies. In closing Mr. Childs declared, amidst rounds of applause, that "just as sure as God rules we have the delegates to retire the man who will not retire himself."

P. M. Meldon of Rutland followed with a sharp attack on the present management, and then V. A. Bullard of Underhill took the floor. Mr. Bullard said Mr. Atkins preferred a party of 15,000 that he could control rather than one of 40,000 or 50,000 which he couldn't control. He urged all present to support Judge Haselton for chairman, and the audience went wild over the mention of the mayor of Burlington.

O. A. Marshall of Brattleboro said the democrats of Vermont had three issues before them: the revision of the tariff; honest money and the election of Mayor Haselton as chairman of the state committee.

Mr. Holton scored Mr. Atkins for conducting a dishonest campaign in the past and predicted a change in the chairmanship.

Rev. Mr. Titus of Alburgh said the question before the house was whether they should bow down to one man or should have a voice in the administration of the party.

Capt. Brush of Cambridge said he was for a change because all the republicans wanted Atkins at the head. "In our struggle to elect Judge Haselton chairman we have everything to gain and nothing to lose." After three cheers for Haselton the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

It was Thursday noon before the convention was called to order, as the state committee had to decide which delegation to admit from Rutland. The Atkins delegation was admitted. At high noon Chairman Atkins rapped for order, and said that in calling such a convention together he had just cause for pride. The democratic party, too, had cause for pride that from 1864 to now it had been in favor of the best things for the country. He referred to the course of the Vermont democrats at the national convention in working for the nomination of McClellan, Hendricks, Greeley, Tilden, Hancock, and Cleveland. [The mention of the latter's name created the wildest applause, and a tiger was called for.] Mr. Atkins said that the personal thanks of a prominent democrat were due to the Vermont delegation. He believed that in 1892 the vote of Vermont would again be cast for Grover Cleveland.

S. C. Shurtleff of Montpelier was elected chairman of the meeting and afterwards permanent chairman, with little opposition.

On motion of Elisha May of St. Johnsbury, the chair appointed the following committee on resolutions: Elisha May of St. Johnsbury, Dennis Flowers of Hartland, C. F. Orris of Manchester, A. M. Dickey of Bradford, Waldo Brigham of Hyde Park, Dr. James Conland of Brattleboro, C. H. Granger of Rutland.

The fight began when Mr. Granger introduced a resolution charging that the democratic convention, of 1890 was a packed convention, and appointing Messrs. Bullard, Marshall and Smalley an investigating committee. For over an hour the Atkins men prevented a vote on this resolution by a series of motions that even the chairman lost track of. First Col. Smalley moved to refer the resolution to the committee on resolutions and Mr. Bullard raised the point that that could not be done.

Mr. Smalley then made a stirring appeal to democratic pride, urging the men to leave dead issues behind and all unite for a great victory next fall. Some one shouted, "Three cheers for Smalley," to which the ex-collector replied, "Just take care of the democratic party and let Smalley alone."

Mr. Bullard wanted the skirts of the democratic party cleared if there is any dirt there. Mr. Granger said that harmony was very good, but it was better to be right. "This charge has been made in public and in private and if the convention refuses to

investigate it, it will be said we dare not."

Mr. Smalley in a few words reiterated his position and moved that the resolutions be dismissed.

Waldo Brigham of Hyde Park, after Mr. Smalley had stated that his own motion was not debatable, moved to lay Mr. Smalley's motion on the table. Mr. Smalley said the convention was not here to wash the dirty linen of the democratic party, and again moved the dismissal of the resolution.

Editor Davenport finally got the floor and was greeted with wild applause. He said, "This question cannot and ought not to be buried. It is true let us have a new chairman of the state committee; if untrue let us re-elect the old one."

For the next five minutes there were three to four men talking at once. Mr. Smalley withdrew his motion that the resolution be dismissed and asked for a rising vote on the adoption of the resolutions. A ballot was loudly called for, several wanted a roll call, and for a time everything was at sea. Mr. Smalley withdrew his request for a rising vote and the vote was taken viva voce.

The chair decided that the vote had been carried, and an appeal being taken by J. W. Senter of Montpelier, he appointed Messrs. Davenport, Smalley, May and Bullard to count the votes.

The chairman finally said the resolution had been adopted. This ended the first round of the battle, and the convention then adjourned for dinner.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The filibustering tactics again began at 2:45 in the afternoon. Mr. Boynton moved to proceed to elect a state committee, each county naming its man. Mr. Bullard tried to produce the report on the resolution, but the chair ruled he was out of order.

Mr. Brigham called for the resolution and was informed by the chair he, too, was out of order.

Mr. Senter took the floor and said the matter before the house was to settle who was to be chairman of the state committee; whether to adopt the old methods or introduce new ones; that Vermont was a republican state beyond redemption. [Cries of "No" all over the hall, hisses and general commotion.] That Atkins and Smalley were inseparable and to defeat the latter was defeating Smalley. ["No" from all over the hall.] He said the statement that Smalley had furnished Central Vermont passes to the delegates was false. "If Smalley and Atkins have ever bought tickets for the delegates I say it is right. All the other side want is the control the patronage."

Mr. Holton of Burlington denied that the grand mission of the party was to parcel out the loaves and fishes; he denied that the democratic party had no future and said that Atkins had been carried by Smalley for years, and that Smalley had borne the load with a most commendable patience.

Jewett Cain of Rutland said Mr. Atkins would never retire until the party retired him. He referred to his management as a "ring-boned and moss-stunted farce," a "reign of terror." He said, "for years everyone who had dared oppose the old regime had been sat down upon, vilified in one way or another. At the convention in Burlington two years ago we threw off the ball and chain; and now let us break the shackles that have bound us and be free. Atkins' rule had only left the democratic party on crutches. I stand for a change if I stand alone."

W. H. Martin of Bennington said it would be unprecedented to elect a chairman from the floor of the house.

Mr. Bullard said Atkins had done nothing in the last 16 years and defied him to rise in his seat and state anything he had done while he had been chairman. The vote had decreased 5000 and still he refused to resign.

T. H. Brown of Rutland said no good reason had yet been offered for a change. "The opposition are trying to depose an old veteran who is growing gray in democratic service."

Mr. Atkins, who had taken little part in the proceedings, arose and said that he did not want the convention to suppose that he was afraid of his record, because he had kept his seat, and offered to speak fully any other time agreed upon.

Editor Davenport wanted the party rescued from the toils of this thimble-rigging management; he wanted a democracy that would fight for principles and not for spoils. He proved to the convention that 11 states elected a chairman of the state committee from the floor of the house.

Mr. Smalley said there was no use in further arguing the question, as every one had come here with his mind fully made up. He denied some of the statements that had been made relative to the free transportation of delegates. Speaking for his friend, Atkins, Mr. Smalley said that he had labored in season and out of season for the democratic party. If the vote had fallen off it must be attributed to other members of the party. Those who failed to get an office damned Smalley for it and swore vengeance.

Mr. Boynton gave figures showing how the democratic vote had increased in certain towns and contended for the right of each county to name its own member of the committee. He moved that the amendment be dismissed.

Mr. Senter called for a ballot. Mr. Bullard wanted his amendment to elect from the floor voted on, and a

dozen other things. Pandemonium reigned supreme for five minutes and until a ballot was taken. On the first test vote of the day to dismiss the amendment to elect a chairman from the floor of the house the Atkins men won by 119 majority. The announcement was received with cheers, yells, waving of hats, and a general breakdown on the Atkins side.

Mr. Boynton's original motion to elect the state committee by counties was then carried with little opposition.

THE EVENING SESSION.

The state committee as reported consists of these members:

Addison—C. C. Peck of Middlebury. Bennington—G. M. Vail of Dorset. Caledonia—Elisha May of St. Johnsbury. Chittenden—Seneca Haselton of Burlington. Essex—J. H. Linehan of Brighton. Franklin—G. C. Story of St. Albans. Grand Isle—G. W. Beardsley of Alburgh. Lamoille—H. M. Noyes of Hyde Park. Orange—A. A. Olmstead of Newbury. Orleans—P. J. Farrell of Newbury. Rutland—P. M. Meldon of Rutland. Washington—Hiram Atkins of Montpelier. Windham—W. H. Childs of Brattleboro. Windsor—Thomas Keefe of Windsor.

SMALLEY FOR GOVERNOR.

The first unanimous vote of the day was on a motion to proceed to the nomination of state officers. B. B. Smalley was named for governor as a man who would cut down the republican majority by 10,000 votes.

ANOTHER ROW PRECIPITATED.

Col. Smalley nominated O. A. Marshall for lieutenant-governor. Mr. Senter alluded to the fight between the Argus and Brattleboro Reformer. He was promptly called to order by Mr. Brown and in reply said that he did not propose to be hissed down and would not sit down until he was ready. Great confusion again resulted, and amid that Mr. Senter finally said that he would withdraw everything he had said and would say no more. He begged everybody's pardon. Mr. Marshall's nomination was carried, but he declined to serve.

DEATH OF MRS. ATKINS ANNOUNCED.

At this point the sudden death of Mrs. Atkins was announced and A. P. Childs of Bennington, who was present only as a spectator, got leave to introduce the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this convention unanimously extends its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Hiram Atkins in his deep affliction.

This sad event stopped the filibustering and the rest of the ticket was quickly nominated as follows: Lieutenant-governor, W. B. Viall of Randolph; treasurer, Alex. Cochran of Groton; secretary of state, John J. Enright of Burlington, after A. P. Childs had been nominated and declined; auditor, Elisha May of St. Johnsbury. First delegate at large to Chicago and chairman of the Vermont delegation, Dr. J. D. Hanrahan of Rutland; second, John Robinson of Bennington; third, Dr. J. Henry Jackson of Barre; fourth, Col. H. E. Folsom of Lyndon.

OTHER DELEGATES AND CONGRESSMEN.

The 2d district convention made these nominations: Delegates to Chicago, O. C. Miller of Newport and H. E. Fitzgerald of Brighton; alternates, D. C. Pollard of Cavendish and George W. Chamberlain of Newbury; instructed for Cleveland, Congressman from 2d district, George W. Smith of White River Junction; presidential elector, G. M. Dearborn of Corinth. The 1st district convention elected J. H. Donnelly of Vergennes and H. F. Brigham of Bakersfield delegates to Chicago; Charles L. Dolan of Burlington and Henry M. Noyes of Hyde Park, alternates. P. J. Farrell of Newport was nominated for presidential elector, and F. W. McGettrick of St. Albans for member of congress.

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My Record.

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